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Spy Satellite Spots Removal Of USS Pueblo

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WASHINGTON, May 9.—A U. S. spy satellite has discovered that the seized intelligence ship USS Pueblo is no longer moored in the North Korean port of Wonsan.

Photographs taken by one of the satellites that make regular sweeps over the Asian mainland revealed in the last two weeks the vessel is no longer at the berth she had occupied since her capture on Jan. 23.

State Department officials would confirm only that the Pueblo is not in Wonsan. They would not discuss the source of this information.

IN PRISON CAMP

Nor would they reveal the whereabouts of the electronic monitoring ship. One unconfirmed report was that it has been moved slightly more than 100 miles north to Chongjin.

The North Koreans captured the Pueblo the afternoon of Jan. 23 in what the United States claims are international waters off the mainland. One of the 83 crew members was fatally wounded.

The survivors are believed to be in a prison camp on the outskirts of Pyongyang, the north Korean capital.

SECRET TESTIMONY

Ambassador Winthrop G. Brown, a special assistant to Secretary Dean Rusk, first revealed that the Pueblo had been moved during secret testimony last week before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The department confirmed his testimony Thursday, but officials declined to give any details publicly.

The several varieties of spy satellites used in aerial reconnaissance soar over target countries at altitudes of several hundred miles.

Through the use of sensory scanning gear, they can take detailed photographs even during darkness. The information they gather is relayed electronically to U. S. listening stations in Turkey, Thailand, Japan and other spots on the periphery of Communist China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

Wonsan has been a priority reconnaissance target since the